

Remarks/Arguments

As can be observed, the Remarks section of this Amendment has been moved to a separate page in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

The Claim Rejections/Objections

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 6 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mikus, et al. (2002/0151967). The Examiner has rejected Claims 4,7,8 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mikus, et al. (2002/0151967). The Examiner has objected to Claim 9 for dependence upon a rejected claim, but indicates that Claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Response

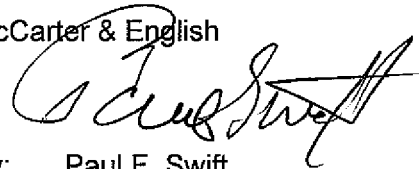
Applicant has amended Claim 9 to be in independent form. While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of Mikus as stated in Applicant's prior Response, to simplify the prosecution of this case, each of the original independent claims (Claims 1 and 13) have been amended to recite the features of Claim 9 that the Examiner indicates confer patentability, i.e., the tab, slot, etc. As a result, the independent claims and all claims depending there from should now be allowable.

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for her effort expended in examining the application and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the amended claims.

No fees are thought to be required for this Response, however, if any fees are due as a result of this Response, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 503571.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul F. Swift", is written over the printed name.

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